

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has asserted that the amendment to the claims filed on October 24, 2007 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.121(c). Claims 1 and 3-22 are currently pending. A new "Amendments to the Claims" section has been provided herein to overcome any non-compliance with § 1.121(c) and to replace the claim amendments filed on October 24, 2007. Any prior errors resulting in temporary non-compliance are believed to be due to inadvertence. Claims 1, 3-13, 16, 17, and 19 have been further amended to highlight further points of distinction between the present application and the references cited by the Examiner. These additional substantive amendments are believed to be procedurally proper based on a phone conference with Examiner Nguyen this morning regarding whether additional substantive amendments would be acceptable if included with this response. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants incorporate herein by reference the response filed on October 24, 2007, regarding the present application, and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that any issues of noncompliance have been fully addressed herein and respectfully request the Examiner consider the case on the merits and issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible convenience.

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 12-2355**.

Respectfully submitted,

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